

Litany, not only "by Thy Cross and Passion," but also by the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation ; by Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision ; by Thy Baptism, Fasting and Temptation ; by Thine Agony and bloody Sweat ; and by Thy precious Death and Burial,—Good Lord deliver us."

6. So too the *Ascension*, the closing act of our Saviour's life, comes to us with its special message of comfort and of help. As we have already seen, from a *doctrinal* point of view, it contains the great Gospel invitation, the end of all religion and of all life. It is the very sign of God in the heavens, saying to each of us : "Look up ; seek the things that are above ; come up higher." But it is much more than a mere invitation. As regards *our life*, it has a special virtue. We can plead "by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension." We can even see where its virtue lies. It lies mainly in three things, and with these I conclude :

a. The ascension of Christ means, first of all, the *gift of the Holy Ghost*. To help our infirmities, to teach our ignorance, to guide our erring footsteps, to sanctify us by the truth. We can plead the ascension of Christ for a greater measure of the Holy Ghost, and say : "Father, by the merits of my ascended Lord, give me Thy Holy Spirit."

b. The ascension of Christ means, in the second place, the *Intercession of Christ* at God's right hand. Seated on the throne of His power and glory, He pleads the merits of His great atonement. Can His prayers be refused ? Can His intercession fail ? As we think of our own frailties and shortcomings, as we are overwhelmed by the sense of our own unworthiness, let us rely not only on the merits of Him who died and rose again for us, but also on the mediation of our great High Priest, who is ascended into the heavens, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

c. And the ascension also means that Christ, as it were, from the heights of heaven, is *watching over the interests* of His Kingdom and *marshalling His hosts* for the great warfare of Almighty God, "henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool." When we seem to see the battle going against us, and the interests of truth and justice, in danger of being ruined, let us trust in our ascended Lord, whose right arm is not shortened ; who will lead His hosts to victory ; and who, in the end, will beat down sin and Satan, and all the powers of wrong and evil, completely under His feet, and completely under our feet.

May our Theological College ever increasingly become the exponent of ever-widening views of the life, and work, and power of Christ. May it send forth men in ever-increasing numbers, and to an ever-widening sphere, to carry to weary and heavy-laden souls a gospel of the widest application to all the sins, and sorrows, and needs of human life. And may this Magazine, now so hopefully launched, have a long career of ever widening influence and power in binding our alumni more closely to Alma